

SPECIFICATION:

Page 3, last paragraph, please deletes the last sentence as shown:

~~In a preferred embodiment, there are two impact heads attached to a forked or
parallel pair of reciprocating rods.~~

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Impact Head Assembly for
Percussive Therapeutic Device

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Page 4, first paragraph, please replace with the following new paragraph:

In the preferred embodiment the ~~The~~ impact head, which can be made of a
pliable materials such as plastic, rubber, or silicone rubber, is attached by a two
stage process. First, the reciprocating rod, which is preferably tubular, is inserted
into an annular slot in the impact head approximately equidistant from a center
bore of the impact head and the outer most edge of the impact head. The outer
shape of the impact head is not limited to any one embodiment. The contact end
of the impact head which is what comes in contact with the patient can be round,
flat, coned or any other shape applicable in the task. The reciprocating rod can be
forked like that of Fig. 1 so more than one impact head may be attached at the
same time. Although, Fig. 1 shows only coned shaped impact heads, any shaped
impact heads may be attached.

Page 4, third paragraph, first sentence starting on line 9, please replace with following:

Secondly, in the preferred embodiment, a central insert, which may be made of plastic, is placed into the center bore of the impact head. The central insert is a rigid or semi-rigid material of a generally rod shape that permits some lateral movement of the impact head, but limits axial travel and prevents excessive creep or displacement of the impact head when in use.

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Page 5, first partial paragraph ending on line 2, please add the following underlined amendment:

The central insert also helps prevent the impact head from dislodging on side or lateral loading. The added lateral stability however, will not impact the ease of replacing the impact head when needed. The user can simply pull the impact head off the reciprocating rod and reinstall a different shaped impact head depending on what the treatment requires.

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Page 5, in the beginning of the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS section starting on line 7, please change the descriptions for FIG. 1, and FIG. 2 as following:

FIG. 1 is plan view of a forked reciprocating rod with impact head assembly of a percussive adjusting tool in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a plan view of ~~an alternate embodiment~~ a reciprocating rod with an alternate embodiment of the impact head of the invention;

Page 6, starting second full paragraph starting on line 12, please replace with the following:

FIG. 2 is a side elevation view of an alternate impact head embodiment attached
5 to of the invention using a straight[[,] or non-forked reciprocating rod.

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Page 7, second full paragraph starting on line 6, please replace with the following:

Fig. 5 is an exploded view of the impact head 10 to the first reciprocating rod 15 attachment and second impact head 12 to second reciprocating rod 16 attachment of the preferred embodiment of the present invention. The central insert 20 is inserted into the impact head central bore 26 at the attachment end 13 of the impact head 10. Similarly, the central insert 30 is inserted into the second impact head central bore 36 at the second attachment end 19 of the second impact head 12. The reciprocating rod insertion end 28 of the first reciprocating rod 15 is inserted into the annular slot 24 preferably with a twisting motion. Similarly, the second reciprocating rod insertion end 38 of the second reciprocating rod 16 is inserted into the second annular slot 34 preferably with a twisting motion.